

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR FULL COUNCIL MEETING 16-01-2023

Chair of Finance & Admin report 09/01/23

Normal monthly activities were carried out.

Following a meeting with Bingham Woods it was agreed to move our current investment into CCLA with a recommendation that the finance committee carry out a biannual review and to keep an eye on interest rates in general.

As normal all budgets have been reviewed and caution is still recommended

Open spaces chair report for 16-01-23

Discussions about the next steps with the slide in Carter's park are progressing. The allotments waiting list has been almost exhausted with two specific locations requested. Secondary Allotment inspections have been completed and holders notified. Discussions to extend and refurbish the path behind the pavilion were held.

PPES REPORT JANUARY

All the planning application responses were agreed.

The locations for the SIDs were agreed at Church St and Holbeach St Johns.

An hourly rate for the use of the bowls green for the bowls club was agreed. This was considered to be a fair rate for this season and will be reviewed at the end of the season once we know the actual costs of maintaining the area. Other groups and members of the public will also be able to hire the bowls green but at a slightly higher rate.

It was discussed as to the best way forward with the emergency plan as it was felt it would be best to meet with key individuals in each ward. It was agreed that we would start with Hurn ward and a meeting would be arranged in early February.

EVENTS AND PR REPORT JANUARY

A meeting to discuss this year's Christmas fayre will take place at 5.30pm on Monday 16th at the Methodist Hall. This will be to discuss ideas for activities for the event and looking at improvements that can be made. We will also be looking for more volunteers so we can hopefully grow this year's event. Traders and stall holders have been invited and any member of the public are also welcome.

We have been informed that the beacons are due to be lit to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings. This will take place in June 2024 and the committee agreed we should light the beacon and also look to organise some form of event.

We will be organising a family funday in Carter's park to celebrate the Coronation. This will take place on Sunday May 7th.

The Car show will return again this year on Sunday 23rd July and this is again proving very popular with 150 spaces already booked.

It was agreed to do a press release about the new CCTV being installed in Carter's park. I was also agreed to meet with both papers to discuss our proposed projects for the year and discuss any advertising and press coverage we would like.

This year's calendar will be photos of old Holbeach and villages. The public can submit a photo that means something to them along with a brief description of its importance to them. The public will vote for their favourite 12 for the calendar.



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FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

Forthcoming engagements will be posted on NEXTDOOR and Facebook

LOCAL PRIORITY

Every three months, we listen to your concerns and look at recent crime statistics to decide on what we will concentrate on for the next three months. Our priority for the next quarter (Jan - Mar) is **Shop Theft**.

Anecdotal reports from several local stores raised concerns about the number of thefts they were having on a regular basis especially by young people. Many of these go unreported for several reasons. Staff unable/unwilling to intervene, lack of confidence in the police or justice system that it's not worth them reporting to us as the cost of the stolen goods are minimal. Maybe the theft is due to personal circumstances – homeless and no money for food. Maybe pressure from peers or to support a family member who is in need.

Taking the stolen item(s) from the thief and letting them go does nothing to prevent them from doing it again. We are looking to work with local stores and other agencies to identify those who are actively stealing and find out why and what we can do to stop the suspect entering the criminal justice system and signpost them to agencies who can help.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

During the last quarter we have been working with local business to promote responsible retailing, specifically with a focus on licencing. This included working alongside colleagues in Trading Standards and Alcohol Licensing making compliance visits to local licenced premises. Overall, we have seen some great examples of diligent businesses operating in a responsible manner. We have discovered several premises operating in a less responsible manner and enforcement action has been taken. We have seized large quantities of illegal vapes from stores across the region and illicit alcohol. These products are not only dangerous to the consumer but have not had the correct duty paid on them. We have gathered evidence and referred several premises to Immigration Enforcement after finding persons without the correct right to work. Following one of our visits, and subsequent investigative action from our colleagues in Alcohol Licensing, one store has now lost its right to sell alcohol.

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